

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 893 – HB 1149

March 31, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Tennessee Medical Examiner Advisory Council's annual report on death investigations in Tennessee to be issued to the Governor, the Chief Medical Examiner, the Commissioner of the Department of Health, the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate, and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives no later than September 1 of each year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006430): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Encourages a county medical examiner, when suicide is suspected as a potential manner of death, to consult the decedent's treating mental health professional, if known or applicable, prior to determination of manner of death. Creates a process for the next of kin to seek reconsideration of the manner of death determination.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, the proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on programs or policies of the Department; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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